

primarily about Mr. Junell's legislative accomplishments and his personal background.

But just for the committee's information I first met Mr. Junell about 20 years ago when I was a young lawyer and he and I happened to be on the opposite side of a lawsuit. You learn a lot about the character and the competence of your adversary in those circumstances, and I wanted the Committee to know and the record to reflect the high regard in which I personally hold Mr. Junell as a lawyer, as a person, and a person who has devoted many years of his life to public service already, and who I know will do an outstanding job on the Federal Bench.

And also his wife, Beverly, who is here with him today. It seems like, Mr. Junell, you were introduced a long time ago, but just for a refresher and to add my comments and congratulations to you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for that opportunity.

Chairman HATCH. Thank you, Senator.

We will begin with Judge Adams, and then Judge Otero, and then Mr. Junell. And if you have any statements to make, we would be happy to take them, and if you would, introduce anyone who is accompanying you here.

STATEMENT OF JOHN ADAMS, NOMINEE TO BE DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Judge ADAMS. Senator, first of all, I would like to thank the Committee for allowing us this hearing this late day. I know it has been a long day for you. We greatly appreciate it. I greatly appreciate the courtesy in being permitted to be heard today.

I want to acknowledge my former law partner who is here today, Mr. Philip Kaufman, as Senator DeWine has acknowledged him.

I additionally would like to acknowledge my father who could not be here today due to his age, somewhat age and somewhat unwillingness to travel here today, and acknowledge the memory of my mother who passed away some time ago and could not be here. I am sure she would be quite proud. And once again, thank you, Senator, for your courtesy.

Chairman HATCH. Well, thank you, Judge. Appreciate it. Judge Otero?

STATEMENT OF S. JAMES OTERO, NOMINEE TO BE DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Judge OTERO. Thank you, Senator. I just want to thank the Committee for having me here. I am very honored. I would like to thank Senator Leahy and Senator Feinstein for the gracious statements made earlier today, and also to Senator Boxer for her written statement provided to the committee.

I would like to thank my family who is back there for being here, and also my parents who could not be here today because of health concerns.

Chairman HATCH. Introduce your family to us.

Judge OTERO. My wife Jill is here.

Chairman HATCH. Jill.

Judge OTERO. And my daughter Lauren.

Chairman HATCH. Lauren.

Judge OTERO. And my son, Evan.